

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-16, 43, 51, 93-97, 103-116, and 119-121 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 8 and 9 are withdrawn, no claims are amended and new claims 122-126 are added.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1, 2, 8, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. These claims have been withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

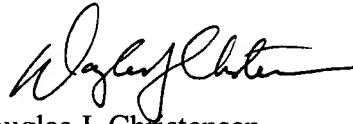
Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Wellman (U.S. 6,952,682). Claims 2, 8, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wellman. The Wellman patent does not enable the auction method claimed in this application. Location is only referenced in the Wellman patent in relation to “location of delivery.” (col. 4, ln. 7) The Wellman patent does not enable or disclose the element of determining the potential bidder’s physical location at the time the bid is entered, nor does it provide a method for determining the optimum positional relationship between the bidder and a potential service provider.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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